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## AVIATORS BOMBARD BRITISH POSITIONS FLAMES LIGHT GERMAN NIGHT ATTACK

### HIGH TRIBUNAL HOLDS LEGAL LICENSE LAW OF MARYLAND

Automobile Owners of District  
Must Continue to Pay An-  
nual Fee, According to De-  
cision.

Hendrick Case Decides State  
Has Constitutional Power to  
Impose Tax on Residents of  
Washington.

Washington automobile owners who  
wish to use Maryland roads must con-  
tinue to pay an annual license fee. The  
United States Supreme Court, in an  
opinion handed down today by Justice  
McReynolds, held the Maryland auto-  
mobile license law was constitutional.

The case was that of J. T. Hendrick,  
a Washington motor car  
owner, against the State of Maryland,  
and involved the question of whether or  
not Maryland has the constitutional  
right to impose a license tax upon au-  
tomobile owners of the District of Co-  
lumbia who use the Maryland high-  
ways.

It was claimed by Hendrick's attor-  
neys that the Maryland law was an in-  
terference with interstate commerce and  
attempted to regulate something which  
was subject only to regulation by Con-  
gress.

**Alleged Discrimination.**  
The main contention of Hendrick's  
attorneys was that the Maryland act  
was a discrimination against the Dis-  
trict of Columbia. In that  
residents of the States in the Union  
were not assessed for the license fee  
when they used the Maryland high-  
ways; whereas motor car owners of  
the District of Columbia are. They  
also contend that the act imposing a  
charge upon District motorists is a  
regulation of commerce beyond the  
jurisdiction of Maryland to impose.  
They insisted the Maryland law is a  
revenue act and that it is not within  
that class of laws under which States  
are allowed to demand compensation  
for the use of works of public improve-  
ment.

This follows, it was contended, since  
the tax on the District motor cars is  
imposed without regard to the extent of  
the use of the improvements. It was  
pointed out that there are 10,000 motor  
cars in Washington, 6,000 of which are  
barred from going into Maryland by  
the license tax.

It was also charged that the chief  
purpose of the tax on District motor-  
ists was to help pay big salaries to the  
members of the Maryland motor car  
commission.  
Justice McReynolds, in handing down  
the decision, said that it had not been  
shown that the tax was levied against  
the District of Columbia, because it had  
not been shown that Hendrick had ap-  
plied for the free period. Justice  
McReynolds further said Maryland had  
the right to determine charges to be  
imposed to build roads and maintain  
them.

### Billy Sunday Coming Here For One Day, Is Promise Given to Religious Leaders

VOWS TO LEAD PHILADELPHIANS TO HEAVEN

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 5.—"I'll get you yet! In two weeks  
I'll have this city on the bottom rung of the ladder to heaven,"  
declared "Billy" Sunday early today, addressing a crowd that  
hovered in front of his headquarters.

Already city-wide movements are afoot to aid the evangelist  
in purifying the city. Bishops and ministers have joined in prais-  
ing Sunday. All agree the revivalist has gripped the city, and  
success of his campaign is assured.

Sunday will preach today in the Tabernacle on "The Need of  
Revivals," after which he will be the guest at a reception of the  
Y. M. C. A. He will preach a second sermon tonight at the Taber-  
nacle.

**Details of Baseball Evangelist's Expected Visit Will  
Be Worked Out by William Knowles Cooper, Who  
Was Told by Revivalist to Confer With  
Him in Philadelphia.**

Billy Sunday is to spend a day in Washington within the next  
month.

That is the practical assurance religious leaders in Washington  
have today, although Sunday's formal acceptance of an invitation  
to spend one day here has not yet been made.

William Knowles Cooper, general secretary of the Washington  
Y. M. C. A., was in Philadelphia yesterday in the hope of clinching  
the arrangement to have the baseball evangelist make a flying trip  
to the Capital. But, for once, Sunday was pretty nearly exhausted by  
the whirlwind opening of his Philadelphia campaign and his friends  
had persuaded him to take a complete rest.

**SENT TELEGRAM TO MR. COOPER.**

Mr. Cooper will go to Philadelphia  
again to see the evangelist. His will-  
ingness to come to the National Cap-  
ital was indicated in a telegram he  
sent to Mr. Cooper, inviting him to see  
him in Philadelphia, and talk over his  
proposed Washington visit.

The first news of his possible visit  
came to The Times in a letter from  
a Washington enthusiast who is at-  
tending the revival in the Quaker City.  
In telling of Mr. Sunday's verbal prom-  
ise to come, the writer suggested that  
a subscription, to obtain a suitable  
building, be started. He already has ac-  
cepted definitely an invitation to speak  
before students of Johns Hopkins Uni-

### CAPTURE GANG OF 5 SMUGGLING CHINESE HATTERS MUST PAY \$252,000 DAMAGES

Federal Officers Arrest Party  
After Perilous Ride Over  
California Mountains.

Commissioner of Immigration Cam-  
minetti today announced the arrest of  
alleged members of a notorious gang of  
smugglers operating in the United  
States, and the frustrating of a plot  
for the wholesale smuggling of Chinese  
coolies into California from Mexico.  
Five arrests were made. Mrs. Joe  
Bruno, wife of a former smuggler, and  
the alleged "Queen" of the gang; Zing  
Lee and Kum Chew, two prominent  
Chinese merchants of San Diego and  
San Pedro, Cal.; John E. Miller, a  
hatterman, who resides near Tia Juana,  
Mexico; and a Mexican whose name the  
Federal authorities decline to disclose,  
but who is reported to be a high official  
in one of the recent immigration move-  
ments in Mexico.

The five were captured, Commissioner  
Camminetti said, after a perilous 48 mile  
ride over the mountains, while attempt-  
ing to convey the Chinese by automobile  
from the international boundary to  
San Francisco, a distance of 500 miles.  
Attempts were made to land the  
Chinese on the southern California  
coast. An automobile, equipped with  
whistles, was used by the smugglers on  
shore to communicate with the ship  
bearing the coolies. Owing to severe  
storms this plan was given up and a  
landing was made in Mexico.  
With the promise of a payment of \$500  
for each Chinese smuggled into San  
Francisco the smugglers chartered sev-  
eral automobiles and started overland,  
traveling at night to avoid the warring  
Mexican factions.

### FEDS SUE TO HAVE PRINTING PLANT IN BASEBALL'S BOARD ELEVENTH STREET DECLARED ILLEGAL HAS \$9,500 LOSS

Petition Filed in United States  
Court Asking That National  
Commission Be Dissolved.

ATTACK ON WHOLE SCHEME

Gilmore Says Agreement Under  
Which Tribunal Operates Is  
in Violation of Law.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—The Federal  
League today filed suit in the United  
States court before Judge Kenesaw  
Landis asking that the National Base-  
ball Commission be declared illegal and  
void.

The paper was filed in the name of  
the Federal League of Professional  
Baseball Clubs, against the "National  
League of Professional Baseball Clubs,  
the American League of Professional  
Baseball Clubs, August Herrmann,  
Rancourt E. Johnson, John K. Tener,  
et al."

The petition also asks that the na-  
tional agreement, under which the Na-  
tional Commission operates, also be de-  
clared illegal and void.

The suit asks that the defendants be  
declared as constituting a "combination,  
conspiracy, and monopoly in viola-  
tion of the common law, in contraven-  
tion of the anti-trust and monopoly  
statutes, and in restraint of trade and  
commerce in and among the several  
States, in derogation of the constitu-  
tional right of contract." It is further  
asked that the defendants be enjoined  
from "further continuing to do business  
as a part of or in connection with said  
combination, conspiracy and monopoly."

It is explained that "at all times  
heretofore the supply of expert base-  
ball players has been unequal to the  
demand of the various major leagues,"  
and that such demand must be sup-  
plied from minor league ranks. Under  
the national agreement, the plaintiff  
alleges, players in the minor leagues are  
dominated by the National Commission  
by alleged illegal contracts which pre-  
vent the Federal League from having  
access to this supply of young players.

**IN CONGRESS TODAY.**

**SENATE.**  
Met at noon.  
Committee on Philippine continued  
hearings on Philippine bill.  
Senate Work addressed. Senate on  
Christian Science and Public Health  
Science. Denounces medical mo-  
nopoly.  
Public Lands Committee continued work  
on water power bill.  
Patronage row between President and  
Senate became more intense.  
Committee on Judiciary continued  
hearings on resolution to put em-  
bargo on shipments of war materials.

**HOUSE.**  
Met at noon.  
Resumed debate on Indian bill.  
Appropriations Committee heard Col-  
onel Gresham on Panama canal needs.  
Foreign Affairs Committee continued  
hearings on resolution to put em-  
bargo on shipments of war materials.

### REPORT CARDINAL IS HELD PRISONER

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 5.—News-  
papers here state that the  
Germans have arrested  
Cardinal Mercier because  
he issued a pastoral letter  
telling the Belgians that  
they were not morally bound  
by orders issued by Ger-  
man officials.

### PRINCE OF WALES SHARES DANGERS UPON FIRING LINE



EDWARD ALBERT, Prince of Wales.

### PRINCE OF WALES IS MADE EMISSARY

Superiors Recognize Daring and  
Coolness by Making Him  
Dispatch Bearer.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—The Prince of  
Wales, who has been one of the leading  
spirits in the trenches of the allies, has  
been made a dispatch bearer.  
Having earned a name for himself by  
his coolness and daring since the war  
began, the young prince announced that  
he was desirous of becoming a dispatch  
bearer, and the request was promptly  
granted. So great has Edward Albert's  
enthusiasm been that he has placed his  
life in jeopardy numerous times.  
The prince, who is just twenty-one  
years old, is a great favorite, not only  
with the men in his own regiment, but  
with the British soldiers generally. He  
fights shoulder to shoulder with them,  
eats, sleeps, and shares all the hard-  
ships with them, and has done much  
to raise the "morale" of the troops.

### Bengali Scientist to Lecture at Cosmos Club

Dr. Chunder Bose, of Bengal, India,  
is to deliver a lecture tonight at 8:30,  
at the Cosmos Club on "The Re-  
sponse of Plants." Dr. Bose, who is a  
botanist of distinction in his native  
country, has with him interesting  
specimens of plant life in India and  
will show, in his lecture, the effect  
of certain chemicals on the growth of  
the different plants.  
The lecture will be given under the  
auspices of the Washington Academy  
of Science and the Washington Bot-  
anical Society. All scientists and  
others interested in the subject are  
invited to attend.

### ALLIES MAKE 500-YARD GAIN ALONG DUNES NEAR NEUPORT

Advance on Muelhausen Con-  
tinues After Repulse of Ger-  
man Assault at Cernay as  
Homes and Forests Burn.

Belgian Artillery Checks At-  
tempt of Sappers to Mine  
Trenches Near Lens—Ex-  
pect Attack on Ypres.

BERLIN, Jan. 5.—German aviators at-  
tacked the British ammunition base at  
Couderskerke and Rosendaal,  
suburbs of Dunkirk, destroyed large  
quantities of munitions, and set fire to  
Couderskerke.

PARIS, Jan. 5.—Flames from the burn-  
ing homes of Cernay and the burning  
forests on the heights lighted the way  
for a fierce attack last night of the  
German troops upon the French brig-  
ades advancing through upper Alsace.  
Fighting was in progress throughout  
the night, and as dawn approached the  
German forces retired with heavy  
losses. The French assault was pushed  
with vigor and a distinct advance to-  
ward Muelhausen has been made.

The German artillery set fire to a  
large building used as a temporary hos-  
pital between Aspach and Muelhausen,  
just south of Cernay, but the patients  
were removed before the flames had  
gained much headway.  
Heavy losses for the Germans are in-  
dicated in the series of counter assaults  
designed to drive back the French in-  
vasion of the "lost province." Fighting  
has been desperate in the vicinity of  
Altkirch, following the bombardment  
by the heavy French artillery.

**Set Fire to Village.**  
The German night assault was pre-  
ceded by bombardment of Cernay, which  
had been occupied by the French. The  
shelling set fire to the village, and the  
columns advanced under the glare of  
flames, which lighted up the surround-  
ing territory. The assault was intended  
to regain the territory taken by the  
French last night.

The French artillery responded by  
shelling the German infantry, killing and  
wounding many.  
Advices from Altkirch had been fired to un-  
sure, although fighting is in progress  
there.  
In the vicinity of Steinbach, posi-  
tions have been taken and retaken as  
many as half a dozen times. The lat-  
est reports received indicated a sub-  
stantial success for the French troops.  
However, both sides are being strong-  
ly re-enforced and there are indica-  
tions that the fighting in this vicinity  
has only begun.

The cold weather is inter-  
fering seriously with operations. It is  
almost impossible to move artillery  
through the mountain passes, and, as  
a result, most of the fighting is now  
confined to infantry encounters.

**On Heights of Meuse.**  
Along the heights of the Meuse the  
artillery duel continues without in-  
terruption. Both sides are so strongly  
intrenched that frontal assaults by  
infantry are out of the question.  
Although the weather is improving  
there has been only minor fighting  
along the northern battlefield.  
Latest reports indicate the Germans  
are concentrating for a new offensive  
to the east and southeast of Ypres and  
at La Bassée.  
French troops have been brought up  
supported by artillery, and it is be-  
lieved as soon as the numbers of the  
French troops are sufficient a forward move-  
ment will be attempted.  
Occupation of a new position in Al-  
sace and important gains of territory  
in the north by taking advantage of  
the unpreparedness of the Germans who  
were not expecting an offensive move-  
ment while the weather continued bad,  
were announced here this afternoon. At  
the same time it became known that  
Belgian artillery, which has been reor-  
ganized, was again in action.  
The gains in the north are important.  
They ranged from 20 to 500 yards on  
the dunes at Neuport and east of St.  
Georges. The Belgian artillery has  
been used to silence the German guns  
in this vicinity.  
Determined attempts on the part of  
the German sappers to mine the French  
positions to the west of Lens were  
prevented by shelling the German po-

### Cotton Company Fails.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—The American  
Round Bale Cotton Company, which  
owns cotton plantations throughout  
the South, filed in the Federal  
Court here a petition in voluntary  
bankruptcy.